MERCHANTS SPEAK AGAINST IT.

They Insist That Its Passage Would Seriously Injure Manufacturing and Mercantile Interests-Criminal

Mr. Withers's "anti-trust bill" met with a perfect hurricane of opposition yestermorning, when it was taken up in the Senate Committee on General Laws, and the measure is already practically defeated. Indeed, the patron of the bill says that he does not expect the committee to report it favorably. The heads of some of the leading business firms in this city were present, and gave the committee their views as to the measure. None of them could be said to be in love

with the bill. Mr. R. S. Bosher, of the T. C. Williams Company, was first heard. Mr. Bosher declared that the passage of Senator Withers's bill would be very injurious to tobacco manufacturers, and eventually drive them out of the State. He maintained that the section making it a penitentiary offence for persons, firms, corporations, or their employees to make contracts fixing the price on goods, would undo all that had been done by Virginia tobacco manufacturers to create a demand for their tobaccos. The manufacturer could not sell to the jobber, he held, and fix a price. The present trade would be runed in consequence, and it would be necessary for the manufacturers to go to heavy expense to again create a market for their goods.

WOULD WORK GREAT HARM. Mr. P. H. Mayo said it was not alon Mr. P. H. Mayo said it was not addesine tobacco manufacturers who would suffer, but the producers, also, if the bill was passed. He asked the committee not to pass it, saying it would work great harm to the tobacco interests. Mr. Mayo held that the American Tobacco Company was not such a terrible thing. He said it used up a great deal of tobacco that there was no other market for.

Mr. Baughman, of the printing and stationery firm of Baughman Brothers, said the bill would injure the printing and retail trades. He asked that it be not reported favorably. Colonel John B. Purcell, of Purcell, Ladd & Co., made a strong appeal to the committee not to

cell, of Purcell, Ladd & Co., made a strong appeal to the committee not to pass the bill. He did not see the necessity of the State exercising a paternity over legitimate business, as this measure was designed to do. He thought if it passed the State would suffer greatly, and in his own mind he could not conceive of any benefits.

Mr. Arthur B. Clark, president of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail-Works, en-dorsed the sentiments of the preceding speakers, and made a strong protest against the passage of the bill. Mr. Frank D. Beveridge, of Harvey, Blair & Co., appeared as a representative of the whole-rate grocers of Richmond. He made a appeared as a representative of the whote-rale grocers of Richmond. He made a strong protest against the bill, and said it would drive all the wholesale grocers out of Richmond. Mr. James H. Capers and Mr. John T. Powers also opposed the bill, and pointed out its dangerous results

as they appeared to them.

Senator Withers said in behalf of his measure that he thought all the alarm manifested was unwarranted. He said, however, that he did not expect a favora-

Reduction of Criminal Expenses. The special joint committee of the two houses on Criminal Expenses, of which Mr. Saunders, of Franklin, is chairman, Mr. Saunders, of Franklin, is chemically held a meeting at 4 o'clock Yesierday afternoon, with Messrs. Saunders, Jones, Withers, and McRae present.

Mr. McRae presented for the consideration of the committee a lengthy letter from Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Corporation Court of Petersburg, in which he

tion Court of Petersburg, in which he suggested many changes in the existing laws in regard to offences against the Commonwealth of a more or less trivial nature, Judge Mulien is of the opinion that a large sum is yearly expended by the State in making needless arrests. In illustration of this he says that the criminal expenses of the city of Peters-burg are \$10,000 a year, and that he is satisfied \$1,000 of this is for arresting drunken men. He makes the point that isolated cases of this nature should not be taken cog-nizance of by the law, since, if habitually large sum is yearly expended by nizance of by the law, since, if habitually practiced, would become a public nuis-ance, and, therefore, be dealt with by the common law. It is estimated that at teast \$100,000 per year could be saved to the State by a change in the laws in

respect. e committee was engaged for several hours in the consideration of various other matters of importance. It is understood that it was decided to report several bills, but these will not be made public until they have been reported to

An Insurance Bill Agreed Upon.

The sub-Committee on the Insurance Bills, Senator Eugene Withers, chairman, held a further meeting test night, and completed the preparation of the bills to be reported to the Committee on General Laws. The bill agreed on last night amends several sections of the Code, so as to make them conform to the insurance-commissioner bill, and adds several material sections to the chapter on insurance companies. One of the new sections prohibits deceptive statements, and prescribes a penalty therefor. Another requires that each insurance-agent shall obtain a certificate of authority from the insurance commissioner, though this does not apply to benevolent orders. Another and probably the most important section orescribes the form of a standard policy, and requires that all companies shall use that and no other. An Insurance Bill Agreed Upon.

SOWING THE WIND TO-NIGHT.

This Strong Play to Be Given Only One Evening-Other Amusements. It is not the language of exaggeration to say that there will be few events of more importance to local play-goers than the presentation of Sydney Grundy's play. "Sowing the Wind," at the Academy of Music this evening. In addition to the great moral lesson which it teaches under the guise of a highly-absorbing narrative of human life, it is full of dainty costuming of the Georgian period, in which the events are supposed to occur. These costumes are by the famous costumer. Dazian. "Sowing the Wind," as is well known, ran for 200 nights at the Empire Theatre, New York, and caused more known, ran for 200 nights at the Empire Theatre, New York, and caused more controversy among sociologists than any drama of modern times. It will be its first time here, and it comes to us with the prestige of a remarkable success at the Columbia Theatre, Boston, where its audiences were of the most brilliant and fashionable kind, and where the praise of the press was uncommonly and uniof the press was uncommonly and uni-formly enthusiastic. It is under the di-rection of Mr. Charles Frohman.

Donnelly & Girard, in "The Rain-makers," will occupy the stage of the Academy of Music to-morrow evening and Saturday matinee and evening.
"The Rainmakers" has no plot—in fact, none is necessary. But it is full of life and fun, novelty and newness, pretty girle, and clever actors. It is well staged, and prettily costumed. A few of the features are absolutely new, the storm scene and the electric-light song and dance being particularly noticeable in this respect.

respect.

Messrs. Donnelly and Girard are, of course, the principal fun-makers. The others of the company are capable artists, and suited to the characters they as-

Mr. Howard Saxby will appear at the Academy of Music on February 8th in one of his delightful entertainments, Mr. All druggists refund the money it it Exxby's humorous writings in the Cin-

cinnati Commercial Gazette have won him a national reputation; but on the platform is where he is at his best. "Behind the Scenes" or "The Farce of Life" will probably be the subject he will present to his Richmond audience.

Mr. Polk Miller will introduce Mr. Saxby, and take part in the entertainment. A rare treat is sure to be the result of the combination.

Notes About the Masons.

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The Sovereign College of the Allied Masonic degrees, of which Rev. Dr. Carmichael is Grand Master, will hold its annual meeting at St. Athans Hall Friday night at 8 o'clock. Next week the Sovereign College will confer a number of degrees, including the Order of Wisdom, sometimes called Royal Arch-Knight-Templar Priest.

Libertas Lodge of Perfection, No. 5, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, held an interesting meeting at St. Albans Hall Monday night. A number of candidates were elected, and will be present at the conventus next month. All the degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second will be given then.

Amity Lodge, No. 78, conferred the F. C. Tuesday night. There was a large attendance, among the visiting brethren being Grand-Secretary Carrington, Assistant-Grand-Secretary Carrington, Assistant-Grand-Secretary Nesbitt, Rev. Preston Nash, and Rev. Dr. Hartley Carmichael. Mr. Morris T. Asher is the Worshipful Master of this body.

The Blacksmiths Elect Officers.

A well-attended meeting of blacksmiths was held at Ellett's Hall last night, and was held at Ellett's Hall technical Richmond Union, No. 162, of International Union Brotherhood of Blacksmiths was prepared, with the following officers: Onion Brothernood of Blackshalls was organized, with the following officers: President, R. G. Ware; Vice-President, Charles Dalrymple; Secretary, W. E. Brooks; Pinancial Secretary, J. J. Boydon; Treasurer, D. F. Donovan; Conductor, L. W. Myer; Sentinel, O. E. Lucas; Trustees-Messrs. Smith, Haly, and Conductors of the Conductor of the Conductor

McCulloch and Secretary Dornin, of the Trades Council, were present, and made addresses to the trades unionists. This branch starts out under very favor-able circumstances. The body adjourned to meet next Wednesday night at Ellett's Hall.

Second Baptist Meeting.

The protracted services at the Second Baptist church continue, with increasing interest. Dr. Broughton spoke at 4 P. M. yesterday on "Religion In the Home," and urged the importance of erecting a family altar in every house. At night the visiting minister preached on "No Room for Christ," and a number of persons professed conversion. sons professed conversion.
There will be three me

at 12 M. for inquirers, in the mission-toom; at 4 P. M., "Comforts in Christ" will be the subject; at 8 P. M., the theme of discourse will be the "Possible" of discourse will be the "RealIties of Heil, or the Doom of a Soul." Dr. Broughton calls himself an "old-theology" preacher, who believes just what the Bible says on the doom of the lost.

The Fuith-Healer Has Moved.

Deem, the faith-healer, moved his quar-ters yesterday from the Walker cottage to a house at the corner of Thirty-third and Marshall streets. The rooms he now occupies are given him free of rent, and his meals and fuel are furnished him by the neighbors. Among the rations, who his means and fuct are formation in the neighbors. Among the patients who called on him yesterday was a lady who was brought to the house in a carriage piled with cushions. The healer came out into the street, and talked and prayed with her for some minutes. He refuses to give any more lectures on his creed, and devotes his whole time to receiving

Concert and Opera.

The concert and opera to be given by the ladies of the German-American Ald Society of the Virginia Hospita' for the benefit of the German Ward promises to be a great success. The programme to be a great success. The programme has been most carefully arranged, and will consist of the best local talent in German society. A pleasant evening is promised to all who attend. This society has been very active in the past and is always ready to help those in need. This emertalnment will be given at the Academy of Music Friday night, February

The Pistol Discharged.

While on their way to school yesterday a young son of Councilman Lawder and his friend, Neagle, a son of Joseph Neahis friend, Neagle, a son of Joseph Nea-gle, of Engine Company No. 8, came near meeting with a serious accident. They were passing through the railroad cut near Twenty-eighth and Dock streets when a negro stopped them and showed them a pistol. The weapon was accident-ally discharged, wounding one of the boys in the arm and the other on the hand. A son of Mr. George M. Rogers, who was standing near, was just missed.

Lee Camp Ladies' Auxiliary.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. After the report of the treasurer was submitted and received the following officers were elected for following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months: President, Mrs. J. W. White; First Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas A. Brander; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Arthur G. Evans; Treasurer, Mrs. N. V. Randolph; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Benner; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Virginia Mason.

Mr. Clayton at the Mission. Rev. J. B. Clayton, who has been holding very impressive and profitable evangelistic services with Rev. Mr. Haight in the Baptist church, Man-chester, will be at the Broad-Street mis-712 east Broad, to-night and every

aight this week.

His great theme is "The Salvation of the Lost," and, as a means to this end, the Lost," and the Lost, and the lineariance of the urges with great power the importance of a deeper consecration on the part of Christians. The public will be welcome.

Executive Committee to Meet.

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The Executive Committee of the Virginia State Agricultura and Mechanical Society will hold its quarterly meeting at Murphy's Hotel Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Arrangements for this year's premium-list will be made, and the various committees will begin work. It is also expected that the committee will adopt some resolution regarding the pending racing question, which the officers regard as a most important matter.

H. F. Gibson was brought up from the jail to Commissioner Flegenheimer's office yesterday to make affidavit for the summoning of certain witnesses whose testi-mony he desires to obtain. He will be brought before Judge Hughes for sentence next Friday, when the indictment re-turned against him in Alexandria for using the mails to promote a fraudulent purpose will probably also be tried.

The Kirmess Boxes.

The boxes and loges for the Kirmess performances were not sold at auction yesterday, the sale being postponed until Saturday at noon, when it will take place from the stage of the Academy.

The sale of season tickets will begin this morning at 3 o'clock, and to-morrow at the same hour the general sale will commence.

Supreme Court of Appeals.

New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk
Railroad Company vs. Board of Supervisors of Northampton county. Argued
by J. W. G. Blackstone for appellant,
and James E. Heath for appellee, and
submitted.

Walker's Administrator vs. Mason,
trustee. Argued by E. T. Buford for
appellant Supreme Court of Appeals. appellant.

The following convicts were received at the penitentiary yesterday: Richard Simmons (colored), from Richmond city, to serve a term of five years for burglary: Allen McDaniel (colored), from Loudoun county, to serve a term of seven years

To Cure a Cold in One Day

POOR PAWNBROKERS.

The Committee of the Whole, Puts a Heavy License on Them.

OTHER INCREASES IN TAXES.

Lawyers and Doctors Come in for Their Share-To Hear the Insurance Solicitors and Real Estate Agents This Evening.

The two branches of the City Council convened as the Committee of the Whole, in session two and a half hours again last night, discussing and disposing of the very vexing details of the chapter of the city ordinances which has reference to city license taxes. President Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, filled the chair, and the attendance was unusually large. The first matter taken up was the section of the ordinances fixing the licenses upon the hotels. The body agreed to impose a tax of \$100 upon the hotels doing the greater amount of business, and \$50 per annum upon the others. This tax, however, is to be augmented by the usual percentage on rent paid.

The committee, after brief discussion adopted the recommendation of the Finance Committee, dividing the license tax upon restaurants, eating-houses, etc., into three classes, \$50, \$25, and \$10.

AFTER PROFESSIONAL MEN. There was a considerable wrangle over the question of the extent to which law the question of the extent to which law-yers, doctors, veterinary surgeons, archi-tects, civil engineers, and other profes-sional men should be taxed. The Com-

sional men should be taxed. The Committee on Finance presented a plan, classifying them into six classes, \$150, \$100, \$75, \$50, \$55, and \$10.

Mr. Briggs moved that the maximum tax upon these professional men be made \$250. He said there were physicians and lawyers in Richmond who made as much as \$10,000 a year, and charged most exorbitant prices. Mr. Briggs remarked that even the tax that he offered was no more enerous than that placed upon commisonerous than that placed upon commis sion merchants.

Bahen agreed with Mr. Briggs Mr. Bahen agreed with Mr. Briggs. He argued that the high-priced doctors should be made to pay a big license. He said those professional men did not hesitate to charge one man by an excessive bill for services he had rendered for another who was not able to pay so much. The Jackson Ward member gave as an illustration a narrative about a couple of bills sent out by a prominent Richmond physician. He said this doctor had been cailed to his house to attend a member of his family and had charged \$55 for exactly the same services that the same physician had rendered one of his (Bahen's) neighbors for \$15. (Bahen's) neighbors for \$15.

SHOULD NOT TAX BRAIN. Mr. Glover was opposed to placing so urdensome a tax upon a man's brain burdensome a tax upon a man's brain. He said he did not believe that there was a lawyer or doctor in the city of Richmond who was worth \$100,000. Nobody looked upon Dr. Hunter McGuire as a man of great means, yet he made much money. The expenses of such a physician were very heavy, and there was no use to make them any more burdensome by excessive taxation.

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The view held by Mr. Bloomberg was that the difference made between the \$25 and \$59 classes was too great. It would operate as a hardship upon the young professional men just at the time when they were beginning to get a footwhen they were beginning to get a foot-hold in life. After a great deal of dis-cussion upon this matter Mr. Briggs's amendment was adopted, but reconsider-ed, with a view to getting a seventh class d, with a view to getting a seventh class dded, and was lost. The plan presenter by the Committee on Finance was their

THE PAWNBROKERS.

On motion of Mr. Hobson the license upon pawnbrokers was divided into two classes 5490 and \$300—which is a heavy increase over the present tax. This subject was argued at considerable length, Mr. Turpin taking the ground that the pawnbrokers' establishments were beneficent institutions. He said many of the poor people of this city would suffer but for these places of business, where they could go with some small articles and get upon them sufficient money to keep them from suffering for want of food or shelter. THE PAWNBROKERS.

helter. Messrs, Briggs and Hobson thought the Messrs, Briggs and Hobson thought the tax upon these men should be made as high as possible, as they did not wield a good moral influence. Mr. Bahen was decidedly pronounced in his ideas upon this question, saying that the pawn-trokers encouraged thieving, and that they drove many children to wrongdoing. Alderman Moore made quite a severe speech against this class of business-men, and Mr. Hobson's motten to amend present of the breaking of a crank-pin that badly wrecked the engine. The train was stopped before further damage was done. The north-bound mail was delayed two and a half hours by the accident. Mr. Farmer, and Mr. Hobson's motten to amend present grain in the property of the property of the property of the section of the property of the property of the property of the section of the property of t and Mr. Hobson's motion to amend provailed by a vote of 8 ayes to 6 noes.

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The licenses of the junk-dealers were placed at \$150, \$160, and \$50, while those of boarding-house-keepers were fixed in two classes, at \$25 and \$10.

After agreeing to hear the insurance-solicitors, real-estate-agents, and ware-housemen to-night, and appointing a special committee, consisting of CNy-Attorney Meredith, President Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, and Captain Coke, the Codifier, to prepare the new ordinances on licenses and present them to the Council in time to have them pass the two branches, and be approved by the Mayor, the Committee of the Whole ad-Mayor, the Committee of the Whole ad

THE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting to Be Held at Virginia Beach or Old Point. The Executive Committee of the State

Bar Association met at the residence of Judge W. J. Leake Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of the association.

Judge Leake, chairman or the committee, presided, and there were also present the following gentlemen: Mr. Eu present the following gentlement. Mr. Edgene C. Massie and Judge George L. Christian, of Richmond; Captain Thomas D. Ranson, of Staunton, and Mr. John G. Williams, of Orange, comprising the committee, Other members of the association in attendance were: Judge J. C. Lamb, ex-secretary; Mr. Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, the president; Mr. Jackson Guy, secretary and treasurer. Messrs. F. W. Christian, and Hill Carter.

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The committee fixed upon July 14th as the date, but were unable to decide between Old Point and Virginia Beach as the place of meeting. One of these places, however, was chosen, provisionally—which is not disclosed.

Mr. Jackson Guy, who has so well filled the responsible dual office of secretary-treasurer for several years, and has taken a deep interest in the association, tendered his resignation, and it was accepted with profound regret.
Mr. Eugene C. Massie, a popular member

Mr. Eugene C. Massie, a popular member of the Richmond Bur, was elected to succeed Mr. Guy.

The committee decided upon a distinguished non-resident lawyer, who will be tendered the honor of delivering the annual oration before the State gathering. and also named several members who will be asked to prepare papers to be read before the association.

After the business session the members of the committee dined with Judge

FOR THE COMPROMISE BILL.

Agricultural Societies and Breeders Asked to Lend Influence. Mr. William G. Owens, secretary of

the Virginia State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, sent the following letter to the secretaries of the various agriultural societies throughout the State, and also to a number of prominent breed-

and also to a number of prominent oreca-ers of horses in Virginia:

"At a meeting held this morning of some of the officers and friends of the Agricultural Society I was directed to write to the other associations through-

out the State and breeders of high-class horses, enclosing a copy of a bill which we are desirous should be adopted by the present General Assembly:

"The bill, you will notice, prohibits winter racing, and only allows racing a short period during the summer. This will prevent book-makers from getting control of the race-tracks, and will allow agricultural societies and driving associations ample opportunity to give all the race meetings necessary for their associations. As you are no doubt aware, two bills have already been presented—the Maupin (or anti-gambling) bill, which prohibits book-making and pool-seling on race-tracks, but makes no provision to prohibit winter racing, which has been carried to such a fearful extent at Alexander Island; and the Reddy bill, which, on the other hand, asks the tent at Alexander Island; and the Reddy bill, which, on the other hand, asks the Legislature to adopt a law legalizing pool-selling and book-making during the sum-mer months. The enclosed bill, you will notice, has nothing to say in this line. more montas. The enclosed bill, you are notice, has nothing to say in this line, but its object is to break up all winterracing, and leave the law as it is with this exception. Our committee is satisfied that the passage of this bill will be to our best interest. In order to pass this bill it will be necessary for every person interested in the welfare of agricultural societies and in the breeding of fine-class horses to use his influence with the present Legislature, and we will be very glad if you will communicate with your representatives and solicit their aid in the passage of the bill.

"The bill referred to will come up for discussion before a joint committee from Senate and the House some day next week, the time of which will be announced in to-morrow morning's Rich-

nounced in to-merrow morning's Rich-mond papers. It would be of great ad-vantage if you and your friends could attend this meeting. I should also be glad to hear from you personally in referto the matter,"
bill to which Mr. Owens alludes

THE POSTERS A GENEROUS GIFT.

Correspondence on This Subject Between Association and Hoen & Co. The posters for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, of which an account was given in yesterday's issue of this paper, were a gift from Messrs. Hoen & Co, as will be seen by their letter:

Richmond, Va., January 22, 1896,

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Mrs. James Lyons:
Dear Madam.—We to-day send you the posters, which we have printed from the design furnished by Mr. Brown, and ask you 'to accept them as a contribution to your association from our house.

Appreciating the valuable work which the association is doing for our grand old State, we wish you to bear in mind that we will always hold ourselves ready to respond to any demand made upon us, in our profession, to the best of our ability. Respectfully.

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A. HOEN & CO,
On receiving this generous gift Mrs.
Lyons at once turned it over to the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and the corresponding secretary formally expressed their thanks as follows: as follows:

January 23d. Messrs. Hoen & Co.:
Gentlemen,—Your letter of this date to the recording secretary of Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, has been received, and I beg, on behalf of the association, to thank you for the beautiful work you have given us.
Please accept our thanks for the kind expressions in regard to the work of

expressions in regard to the work of the association, which we sincerely appreciate.
Yours truly and respectfully.
PARKE C. BAGBY.
Corresponding Secretary of Association
for the Preservation of Virginia An-

for the Preservation of Virginia As-tiquities.

It is understood that the services of Mr. J. G. Brown, who designed the poster, were also presented to the asso-ciation. A limited number of these posters will be sold for the benefit of the Asso-ciation for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. They are beautiful works of art, and will, no doubt, be quickly sold.

A RICHMOND FIREMAN INJURED.

Mr. Farmer's Arm and Leg Broken at Fredericksburg-Brought Here. A special received by the Dispatch last night from its Fredericksburg correspondent says:

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, living at 1218 west Clay street, Richmond, had an arm and leg broker

sent to his home by an evening train Farmer arrived here on the 7:10 P. M. train, which was about forty min-utes late, and is under the treatment of Dr. Winfree, surgeon for the Richmond, Predericksburg and Potomac Company.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: Charles E. Brauer and wife to John H. Frischkorn, 20 feet on north side of unnamed street, which is the northern boundary of Jefferson Park between Twenty-first and Mosby streets,

James T. Gray to Elizabeth P. Gray, James I. Gray to Intended I. Giscome from estate of William Gray, deceased.

Andrew J. Wray and wife to Louisa II. Gibson, 23 feet on west side Cherry.

street near Albemarle.

Henrico: John C. Fowler and wife to Olive C. Branner, I 1-19 acres near Nine-Mile road, \$200. Emmett H. Goodman to George W. Livesey, 34 208-1000 acres near Darbytown

road, \$250.

H. A. McCurdy and wife to W. B.
Christian, 50 feet on east side Twentyfourth street between S and T, \$775.

Adaline Myers to Elvira Harvey, 24

feet on north side Beverley street near

B. and George A. Sherman to Branner, I acre near Nine-Mile road, \$1,000.

Henry S. Wallerstein and wife to H. S. Winston & Co., 59 feet on west side Winston & Co., 30 feet on west side Twentieth street near R. \$75.

Had a Light Docket. The Justice disposed of a few important

ases yesterday morning.
Willie Hill alias John Hicks, a young Willie Hill alias John Hicks, a young negro boy, snatched the pocket-book belonging to Mrs. Thomas Ford from her hand Tuesday afternoon on Main street, and stood yesterday morning before the Justice to answer the charge. The boy was given six months in jail for petty larceny, and \$500 was also required for security.

Virginia Miller was sent on to the grand jury yesterday morning by the Justice. Virginia is charged with cutting Edward Jones with a knife on Seventeenth street between Broad and Grace on last Tuesday night.

City-Hall Court News

Suits were brought in the Law and Equity Court yesterday as follows: Frank H. Rahm against the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. Damages, \$200. Snyder & Blankford against J. H. Sig-

Snyder & Blankford against J. H. Sig-niago. Damages, \$500.

In the City Circuit Court yesterday sult was instituted by William A. McGhe against James Godsey. Damages, \$225.

The case of R. Francione, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was tried in the Hustings Court yesterday. Francione was acquitted.

Assistant Cashler Arrested.

John H. Braxton (colored), assistant cashier of the True Reformers' Bank, was arrested and lodged in the Second Station-House yesterday by Sergeant Alex. Tomlinson. The prisoner is charged with the befrayal of Mary E. Brown, the daughter of J. D. Brown, a barber under the Lexington Hotel, and who was at one time a Jackson Ward magistrate.

BISHOP NOT GUILTY.

The Manchester Jury Returns a Verdict Acquitting the Young Man.

TRIAL LASTS LATE AT NIGHT.

The Case Creates Great Interest, and the Result Causes Rejoicing-Wil-Hams Given Five Years for Burglary-Other South-Side Items.

The Manchester court-room was thronged yesterday from early in the forenoon until nearly midnight. The cause of this unusual crowd was the deep interest felt in the case of Louis Bishop, charged with complicity in the robbery of the Man-chester Mercantile Company's store. It will be remembered that Arthur Bevill. the boy employed in the store, who was found tied with a rope on the night that the robbery occurred, made a full confes sion, in which he admitted the theft and claimed that Bishop assisted in the act. This case was begun at 12 o'clock and

lasted until nearly midnight. The evidence consumed several hours. Then Judge Ingram gave his instructions to the jury, and the argument begun about 6 o'clock. The speeches occupied several hours, and were strong. Commonwealth's Attorney Attkisson conducted the prosecution, and Messrs. Cox and Garnett defended the young man, who clearly proved an alibi. The case was given to the jury at 19 o'clock, and two hours later a verdict of "Not guilty" was re-turned. The crowd in the court-room was still large, and there was great rejoicing among the friends of Bishop, who is highly connected and has hitherto stood

brank williams, the negro charget with burglariously entering the house of Mayor Maurice, was tried in the forenoon. Williams had no counsel and pleaded guilty, giving as his only excuse the fact that he had been intoxicated for several days previous to the occurrence, and was at that time in an intoxicated condition. The turn remained in their room but a sport jury remained in their room but a snort time, returning the verdict of guilty. Wil-liams was sentenced to the penitentiary

lams was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

PROSPECT OF FREE DELIVERY.

Post-Office-Inspector John T. Clem was in the city yesterday, and one of his duties was to look into the feasibility of establishing a free-delivery system here. The Inspector said that the only thing in the way at present was the insufficient sum appropriated for this year, which ends June the 20th. The idea of Manchester becoming Station C, of Richmond, the Inspector said, was news to him, and he did not think there was any truth in the report.

He added that he had never heard of a second-class post-office being merged into a larger one. Mr. Clem thought Swansboro' would do well to become a station of Manchester, especially in view of the bright prospects of Manchester obtaining a free delivery.

Theodolphas Mann, a well-known colored man, died very suddenly Tuesday night about 11:20 o'clock on Hull street. He was returning from a lodge meeting near Eighth and Hull streets, and where he had been taken for expert medicals where he had been taken for expert medical treatment. Mr. Cariton suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago, and honored has ledsed was in the 72d year of his age, and was beloved and honored his age, and wa

near Eighth and Hull street, near Eighth and Hull streets, and when he reached Ninth was taken sudden't.

II. Four of his friend. he reached Ninth was taken sudden's ill. Four of his friends who were with him carried the man to W. J. Carter's drugstore, where everything possible was done to relieve him of his sufferings, but he expired before he reached his home. Coroner Brodnax viewed the remains yes-terday morning, but decided that an in-quest was unnecessary, as the man came to his death by natural caus THE ANNEXATION QUESTION.

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Interest continues to grow over here with regard to the annexation question Manchester will certainly be greatly benefitted in many particulars, while Richmond's population will be swelled enoughte land her safely beyond Atlanta and other rapidly growing cities of the South. One thing in which Manchester will be particularly benefitted is the public schools. It is well known that her schools, while in excellent condition and comparing favorably with those of our sister city are crowded to their utmost, and access are crowded to their utmost, and access to the Richmond High School would be a very great help. It is now quite certain that should a vote be taken in Manchester the majority of people would be for

annexation The usual Wednesday night service the British Churci

NEGRO BURNED TO DEATH. News has just been received here that hor News has just been received rere that Louis Johnson (colored) was burned to death in his house in Chesterfield county, not far from this city, about a week or more ago. It is said that Louis, who was a very old man, lived in this small house by himself, and was in the habit of locking himself in at night, and kept the key hunging to his coat, It is thought of locking himself in at hight, and the key hanging to his coat. It is th the house took fire, and in his excite

the house took fire, and in his excitement he lost the key, and was unable to escape from the burning building. The house had been completely destroyed when his dead body was taken from the ruins.

The case of Mr. Z. T. Darrow, the sewer-contractor, who was charged with leaving an obstruction in the street at night without a signal was called in the Mayor's Court yesterday morning. After hearing the testimony of several witnesses the Mayor imposed a fine of \$\mathbb{E}\$ on the contractor. W. A. Parke and witnesses the Mayor imposed a mee of the contractor. W. A. Parke and John Tingle were fined \$5 on the charge of having a disorderly house.

At high noon to-day Miss Marie Bass will become the bride of Mr. Harold Du-Val. The ceremony will take place at Bainbridge-Street Baptist church.

MISS FISHER MARRIES.

She Becomes the Bride of Mr. Higginson, a Nobleman.

Miss Eleanor Fisher, daughter of R. H. Fisher, of this city, last night became the bride of Mr. James McAulay Higginson, of Albemarle county. The wedding took place at Monumental church, and was by far the most brilliard social event that has been witnessed in that historic structure this season. The church was crowded to the doors some time before 9 octook, the hour for the time before 9 o'clock, the hour for the time before 9 o'clock, the hour for the marriage to take place. The edifice was still adorned with its lovely Christmas decorations, and these had been augmented by a most tasteful arrangement of palms, ferns, and white roses around the altar. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Fenner S. Stickney, rector of the church, who was assisted by Bishop John B. Newton, Mr. Philip S. Powers presided at the organ, and played with pleasing effect the wedding played with pleasing effect the wedding march from Lohengrin, as the procession moved up the alsie. THE ATTENDANTS.

The wedding was rather a unique of

some respects. There was a maid of honor and four bridesmaids, who constituted the bride's attendants, and there were also four ushers and a best man, who stood with the groom. The maid of honor was Miss Elizabeth Fisher, a dainty and charming brunette, and sister of the bride. Miss Fisher wore a pink organdie, with pink satin ribbons, while she carried a huge bouquet of pink carna-

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The bridesmaids—Misses Lottchen Poindexter, Lina Mayo, Mattie Purcell, and
Neilie Williams—looked very handsome
in their fetching gowns of white organdie,
with trimmings of pink satin ribbons.
They also carried bouquets of pink carnations. These young ladies and the groomsmen moved up the aisle of the church
in alternating couples, forming a lovely
group at the aitar.

The bride, who entered with her maid
of honor, was joined at the chancel by the
groom and his best mun, Colonel J. Snowden Wood, of Albemarle. The groomsmen were Messrs, John W. Fishburne, of
Albemarle; T. G. Higginbotham, J. M.
Gregory, and G. Woodbridge Edmond, of
Richmond.

Bichmonders in New York. NEW YORK, January 22—(Special.)— W. Ellison, Broadway Central; E. Whit-lock, Albemaric. The bride wore an exquisite wedding

gown of white satin, trimmed with lace and pearl passementerie. Her veil was fastened in her hair by the Higginson dlamonds, which had been sent to her by the mother of the groom. She is a willowy girl of a lovely southern type, and made a beautiful bride.

THE WEDDING RECEPTION. Immediately after the ceremony, the bridal party were tendered a wedding reception at the home of the bride's parents on north Twelfth street. Here the parlors were tastefully decorated in red, while all the decorations in the dining-

while all the decorations in the diningroom were pink. After having received,
the congratulations and good wishes of
their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Higginson
took the train for a tour of a month in
Florida and Alabama. In the spring they
will go abroad to visit the relatives of
the groom.

Among those at the reception were
Bishop and Mrs. John B. Newton, Miss.
Newton, Colonel, R. Maury, Mr. W. S.
Southall; Mr. A. C. C. Crewe, of Albemarie; Mr. James R. Taylor, of Staunion;
Dr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Taylor, Rev. Dr.
and Mrs. John K. Mason, Colonel and

Mrs. Edward McGuire, Miss Louise Mayo, Mr. George Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dashieli, Miss Williamson, of Frederick, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Yarbrough, Miss Yarbrough, Misses Meade, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Powers, Mr. George Warren, and Mr. R. R. Harrison, Mr. Higginson is the youngest son of the late Sir J. M. Higginson, K. C. B., and Lady Higginsor of Connellmore, County Kildare, Ireland, and nephew of the sixth Duke of Sidney and Duchess of Manchester. He is an exceedingly pop-

of Manchester. He is an exceedingly pop-ular man, a true lover of sport, and well known in Albemarle, where he has re-sided for fourteen years, and has a fine estate, for his pleasant, genial manner and generosity. DEATH OF MR. REUBEN CHEWNING

This Well-Known Citizen of Louisa Passes Away-Deaths Here.

Information was received here yesterday Frank Williams, the negro charged with of the death of Mr. Reuben T. Chewning at his home, in Louisa county. Chewning was the father of Mr. A. J. Chewning was the father of Mr. A. J.
Chewning, of the firm of Chewning &
Rose, of this city, and was an old and
highly-respected citizen of his county.
Mr. Chewning had only been sick a
short while, and his son was notified
Tuesday of the illness of his father, and
left on the first train for the sick man's
bedside. Mr. Chewning rapidly sank,
antil 2:45 yesterday morning, when he
passed away.

where he had been taken for experience a stroke of paralysis some time ago, and has since been unable to attend to his business, at the Second Market, where he kept a huckster stall. He leaves five children—Messrs. J. R. Carlton, J. E. Carlton, of Baltimore; L. W. Carlton, Mrs. b. Binns, and Miss Alice Carlton. Deceased was a member of Pine-Street Baptist was a member of Pine-Street Baptist church, and the funeral will take place from that church this afternoon at 3:29 o'clock. The interment will be made in

May Be in Rirmingham.

The rumor that Mr. Andrew Waugh, the employee of the Richmond Locomotive-Worka, who has been missing for some weeks had been located in Newport News appears to be erroneous. The authorities of the ship-yard there deny his employment with them, and know nothing whatever of him.

It was learned last night that his friends believe him to be at work in Birmingham, Ala. It is known that he bought a ticket over the Southern road

Birmingham, Ala. It is known that he bought a tleket over the Southern road to some point in North Carolina. There seems to be no apprehension felt as to his

Stricken with Paralysis city ambulance had only one call

yesterday. Mr. w. J. Willix was stricken with paralysis at No. 112 south Cherry street, and the ambulance summoned, with the ambulance summoned, with Parker in charge, took him to his will increase near the shores; southers His condition is regarded as a serious

one, as his whole side is paralyzed. Personals and Briefs. Mrs. Yetta Cohen and daughter, Pau-line, will leave for New York to-day.

Rev. J. Y. Downman will preach at St. Luke's chapel to-night at 8 o'clock, The family of Mr. W. F. Crump will

Mr. George N. Conrad, a popular young member of the Harrisonburg Bar, in the city on a visit of a few days. The Circuit Court of Henrico county was in session at the court-house yester day, but the proceedings were not of pub

lic interest Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Mystic Shriners, will meet to-night at 8 o'clock, and the cameis are harnessed

Mrs. Charles H. Huband, whose death in Newport News was reported in yes-terday's Dispatch, was buried in that city yesterday. The Girls' Aid Society of the First Bap-

tist church will give a very unique en-tertainment under the directorship of Frank Cosby on Friday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. J. F. Howison, formerly of Ash-land and Richmond, now holding an im-portant position with Edison's Mimeo-graph Company, at Philadelphia, is at the Jefferson.

Mr. William E. Gillman, of west Cary street, an employee of the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad Company, its much improved, after a pro-tracted illness.

Claiborne Fergusson, a newspaper carrier, met with quite a painful accident by being run over by a carriage at the erner of Eighth and Main streets Thes-tay afternoon while carrying his papers. It is not thought that the better class of barkeepers of the city will make any vigorous objection to the increase in the liquor-licenses, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole at its session on Tuesday night. In yesterday's report of the ele

Mechanics Building Fund Company the name of R. A. Simms appeared as one of the trustres, when it should have been R. A. Siewers. Miss Lucy V. Stone and Mr. J. F. Howell were married Tuesday night at the home of the bride's mother, No. 824 west Cary street. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Howell left on the 7:10 train for a northern tour.

tion of officers for the Merchants' and

Captain Cariton McCarthy, the captain Cartish steelarly, the soon-gratulations of hundreds of his friends about the City Hall and upon the streets yesterday. He qualified yesterday before City-Clerk August, and will enter upon the discharge of his new duties at once.

Among the visitors at the State Library building yesterday were: Messrs. M. A. Cogbiil, Clerk of the County Court of Chesterfield county; John Y. Harris, Commonwealth's Attorney of Dinwiddle county, and William Mayo, ex-Treasurer of Westmoreland county.

LAW-MAKERS DINE

Chamber of Commerce to Honor (b. General Assembly This Evening

WILL HAVE FINE SPEAKING

The Governor and Hon. James,

This evening at 9 o'clock there assemble in the banquet hall Jefferson a body of distinguished to be tendered by the citizens. mond under the auspices of the C of Commerce to the members of the record in splendor to anything kind ever given here. Besides Cobers of the Legislature and the bar Richmond men will be present.

The guests are requested to ent hotel at the Main-street doors, they will be met by the Reception mittee and the Richmond delegation, a will aid the Reception Committee

The banquet will take place proat 9 o'clock, allowing an interval of a an hour between the arrival of guests a the commencement of the banques

Indications point to a very full tendance, the total number expected by alightly in excess of 200.

TOASTS AND RESPONSES. Mr. S. H. Hawes, president of Chamber of Commerce, will preside

will make a proper address of weat Tonsts will then be responded to a Hon, Charles T. O'Ferrall-Gover It is not by mechanism but by re not by self-interest but by loyalty Hon James Keith-Justice: It is the

of government; the end of civil soci It has been, and ever will be pure until it be obtained, or until liberty lost in the pursuit.

Hon. R. C. Kent-Virginia: Her futa-material progress shall equal her nation

John F. Ryan-The Lawmake Neither build up nor pull down pring interests, but guard the public interest In addition to the fixed toasts the In addition to the fixed toasis to will probably be several improm speeches. There has been a considera demand for tickets, although the price \$10, and it is likely that the whole us ber-150-will be taken.

WHY IT IS GIVEN. Secretary R. A. Dunlop, in a letter of freezed to the members of the Chamber

of Commerce, says:
"A suggestion that the citizens of Ris mond, under the auspices of the Chards of Commerce, extend to the members of the General Assembly an extertainment with the view of manifesting the kind and hospitable feeling entertained by the capital city, has met with the cord endorsement of a number of promin-citizens and the Board of Directors of

The committee empowered to make all necessary arrangements have selected the Jefferson Hotel as the place at which tunity to testify, by having the entertal ment in the Jefferson, the city's at Chamber's appreciation of this splead enterprise. The management have me liberally responded to the request of a committee to use the Jefferson for a purpose, and the necessary amount necured by a guarantee fund, so that a banquet will be given the evening January 23d."

The Adjutant-General of the Gramp, Confederate Veterars, Departm of Virginia, yesterday chartered Brown-Harmon Camp, Confederate Varans, No. 56, of Tasewell, Va.; Ca rans, No. 56, of Tazewell, Vamander, A. J. May; Adjutant,

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, January 22 .- For RAIN cast for Thursday: Virginia and North Carolina-Rain; easter winds. South Carolina: Partly cloudy weath

shifting to westerly winds. The Northwestern area of high presure, with its accompanying cold wall has continued to develop. In the Sa katchewan Valley the pressure has reached 30.1 inches, and the tempera ture has fallen to nearly 40 degrees b low zero. The storm in the Southwe has advanced from Eastern Texas the mouth of the Ohio, and has d veloped energy. Rain has fallen fro the southern edge of the Lake regist

coasts, and extends westward to Misson and Southern Iowa. The storm area will probably advance to the Lake regions Thursday, causing continued rain or snow in the Ohio Va ley and the Lower Lake region; rain snow in New England, and rain in the

southward to the Gulf and South Atlant

Middle and South-Atlantic States. THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTESDA was cloudy during the greater portion the day. About 8 o'clock there was s slight rainfall.

State of thermometer:

Mean temperature.



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ER, in the 29th year of his age.

Funeral from Laurel-Hill church TODAY at 10 o'clock A. M. CARLTON.-Died, Wednesday D

SERPENT'S In all its stage

January 22, 1896, at the Home for Incurs bles, WARNER M. CARLTON. Funeral from Pine-Street Baptist church at 3,39 P. M. TO-DAY (Thursday). Friends and relatives invited to attend. Baitimore papers please copy. Interment at River-View Cemetery.

DEATHS. BREWER.-Died, at his resident Laurel Lawn, Henrico county, Januac fist, at 5:20 P. M., ANDREW E. BREW